

1 enhance the prestige of our legislature, and the influence
2 and significance of each member of the legislature.

3 Public opinion polls consistently show the
4 image of State legislatures to be a poor one.
5 We believe that membership in a single chamber will carry
6 greater prestige for the individual member by creating a
7 situation in which no member's influence or power is di-
8 luted, that on the average it will therefore attract more
9 responsible citizens to run and seek legislative service.

10 Thirdly, we believe that a one-house legislature
11 will clearly focus responsibility, making legislators more
12 responsive and accountable to the people.

13 This is because each member will recognize that
14 there is no other body to check his actions. Legislatures
15 are strengthened primarily by encouraging responsible be-
16 havior on the part of every member, and the great advantage
17 of unicameralism is that it clearly focuses public atten-
18 tion on one house and makes it far easier to trace the
19 course of legislation, the activities of each member
20 and the activities of representatives of any special
21 interest groups.